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Technique for Serializing Data

Res. Tri. Park, NC 27709

Structure Updates and Retrievals

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Sir:

This Amendment/Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.